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Question: Does this sale represent a backdown from U.S. opposition to the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan?

Answer The two are not related. The question of sales of surplus butter did not arise until after the lifting of the grains embargo. We have in no way changed our opposition to the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan.

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